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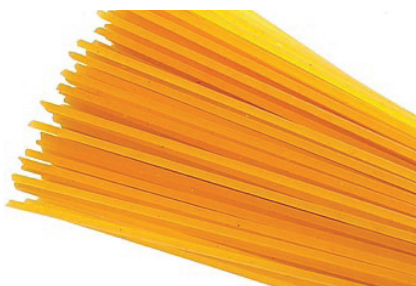
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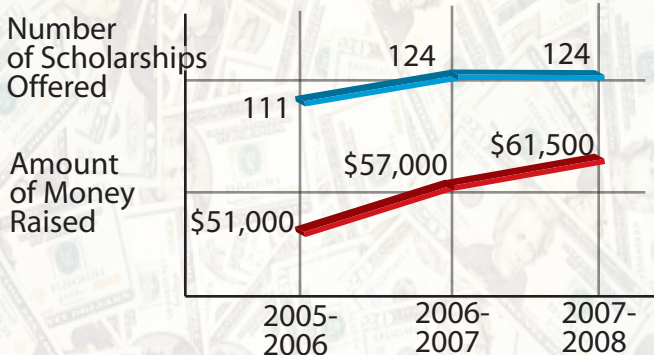
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### SGA Travel Study Scholarship Award History



**Student applications for 2007-2008 may be declined because of a lack of funds.**

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## Travel fund budget stretched thin

Heather Peterson  
Pacer Writer

Students planning on going on a travel study or study abroad trip who are counting on the SGA Travel Study Scholarship might not receive the scholarship they help fund.

The four deadlines for the scholarships have not yet elapsed, but money is already running low. The fourth deadline ends March 3 and is for the April thru December travel study

opportunities.

What is the problem with the money, exactly? The travel study fund is working too well.

Each student pays \$5 per semester directly from their student fees to fund this account. Former SGA President James Orr initiated this program in 2005.

The 2005-2006 academic year raised about \$51,000 and 111 students were offered the scholarship. The next year raised

about \$57,000 and 124 students were offered the scholarship.

Professor Paul Crapo, director of the UTM Center for Global Studies, sees this as a positive thing.

"I find it encouraging that students are using the scholarship made possible by the students. Traveling abroad is going to impact your life in many ways," said Crapo.

Crapo also feels that travel study or studying abroad is vital to students of all

majors if they want to be able to compete in a global economy.

With only three of the four deadlines passed, 124 students have applied for assistance and \$61,500 has been raised so far for the travel study account. Some students may be turned down for this scholarship and others may decline to accept this scholarship.

The committee deciding those deemed eligible for this scholarship is

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## MEET THE SLATE



## June stresses importance of SGA

Will York  
Senior Reporter

Vincent June's student affairs experience is a perfect fit for UT Martin as it stands as an institution in transition, he told *The Pacer*.

June was vice president for Student Affairs at the 12,000-student Florida A&M University in Tallahassee from 2005 to 2007 when the university was undergoing leadership and demographic changes.

The opportunity to work with student leadership is June's main reason for getting involved with student affairs, he said.

He said student leadership

starts with the Student Government Association president and weaves its way down through student organizations. June said he enjoys keeping leaders up to date with policies and procedures.

"A lot of times I had to come in and get rid of red tape," June said of student governments. "My role is not to put obstacles in the way ... but to empower them to accomplish what they want to do."

He said his experience with student government has been statute-driven, meaning his work with student leaders has been to align their policies with state statutes to increase the

likelihood that their goals are achieved.

June said his experience with crisis management, revitalizing personnel structures and budgeting particularly fits UTM.

June oversaw four phases of new housing construction in the late '90s—similar to the residence construction under way at UTM—and led a transition team at Florida Gulf Coast University, which was founded in 1991.

"A lot of times people think student affairs is all about fun and games and we don't do anything meaningful that ties in

— See 'June' on Page 6

## Toston takes data-driven approach

Will York  
Senior Reporter

Improving students' quality of life through data-driven decisions is what makes vice chancellor for Student Affairs candidate Margaret Toston stand apart, she said in an interview.

Toston, who has served as vice president for Student Affairs at Central Connecticut State University since 2004, said last week that she believes in the use of surveys' to best tell administrators what's on students' minds.

She also said constant contact with students coupled with an enrollment

management program—creating a balance between new and graduating students—helps boost graduation rates, something she said UTM can benefit from.

"If I am the successful candidate for this position, improving the quality of life, creating a vibrant learning, living community will always be at the top of my agenda," Toston said. "I'm the person who will stand in the hallway with a basket of energy bars and not-so-healthy things and offer them to students the first two weeks of class just to see if students are getting everything they need."

Toston said her interest

in enrollment management is directly tied with her interest in student and financial success.

"It's cheaper to keep our students than to continue to enroll new students," she said. "While we do a good job of enrolling new students, it's just as important to graduate students."

She said another way to increase retention is to "decrease the run-around students experience when they conduct business on campus."

Toston said her first 14 months at Central Connecticut—when

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### JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- Understands the needs of Greek letter organizations
- Saw Florida Gulf Coast Univ. through four housing construction projects
- Degrees from Florida A&M and Washington State University

### TOSTON HIGHLIGHTS

- Devoted to security and is student oriented
- Lived in a residence hall at Central Conn. State for 14 months
- Degrees from Grambling State, Univ. of La. at Monroe, Univ. of Mississippi

# Panel sends final VCSA choices to chancellor

Will York  
Senior Reporter

The committee charged with finding UT Martin's next vice chancellor for Student Affairs will offer its recommendations to Chancellor Tom Rakes this week, the committee's chairman said Monday.

Search committee chairman Al Hooten said late Monday that the eight-person panel met earlier in the day and suggested "up to three names" for Rakes' consideration.

Rakes then has the final decision on naming a vice chancellor.

The search committee led by Hooten—who also serves as UTM's vice chancellor for Finance and Administration—had selected five finalists from an initial pool of 32 applicants for on-campus interviews during the past two weeks.

One of the candidates, Paul Bryant, withdrew from the search last week, citing a family emergency.

Hooten said no UTM

faculty or staff members applied for the job.

Calls Monday seeking comment from Rakes were not immediately returned, but an administrative assistant to the chancellor said Hooten will inform Rakes of the committee's recommendations early Tuesday.

"I feel like (Rakes) will move as quickly as possible," the assistant said.

Hooten also suggested that Rakes may make a swift announcement, citing the

still-open search for a vice chancellor for Academic Affairs—the job vacated by Rakes when he was named chancellor.

Whoever Rakes selects as the leader of Student Affairs—the division that oversees all aspects of student life outside the classroom ranging from fraternities to dorms to safety—will stand out—at least physically—from the rest of the university's senior staff.

All four candidates selected for on-campus

interviews were either black, women or both.

"We did take diversity into consideration," Hooten said in an interview. "This is a situation where we look for people who appreciate diversity in the community. All the candidates to some degree have participation in diversity somewhere in their career."

But Hooten also said all the finalists—regardless of race or background—met the requirements for the position, including having a doctorate and at least

10 years of experience in student affairs.

Teresa Woody, the director of UTM's Office of Minority Affairs, said she's pleased with the diversity of the finalists for the job.

"I'm also pleased they brought a lot of very good research and assessment on multicultural issues," Woody said. "I think it means quite a bit to students to see someone who represents them. It's very, very positive."

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### TUESDAYWEATHER

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Tomorrow, mostly cloudy and windy with a low of 27.  
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### JUST BECAUSE



its previous early voting turnout for a presidential primary with **320,939** of the state's **3.3 million** voters.

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Our View

Editorial:  
Slightly slick streets sours students

Same weather, same problem, same outcome, different semester. The students at UTM were again surprised to find that classes were indeed still in session. Last week, the administrators deemed it completely unsafe for all satellite campuses to be in session, yet failed to follow in the fashion of surrounding school districts by canceling classes. Many students who live off campus were concerned with the driving on unsalted, potentially hazardous roads.

Obviously, if local school boards are concerned about the safety of students, then why not have a university share the same sentiment for tax-paying, tuition- increase-tolerating and increasingly endangered college students?

Al Hooten has said to *The Pacer* in past winter seasons that the consideration of the road conditions getting to campus are not their primary concern because the most impor-

tant factor for the administrators is whether it is safe on the campus itself.

As there are currently searches on this campus to bring new blood into the campus environment, we hope that many of the current administrators will begin to think about the issues of all students when trying to attend classes.

We hope that the current administrators will begin to think about the issues of all students

It does not do anyone any good if only the students who pay the university to live within the safe, small town environment are the only ones capable of attending classes merely by walking from their dorms or respective living environments.

The students have been speaking in coherent, well thought out arguments that cannot continue to be ignored based solely on their geographic location in relation to the 38238 zip code.

Frankly, when *The Pacer* dies while driving to campus, which administrators will volunteer to write our obituaries?

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The Pummeling Pen



By: Eric White

In the Counselor's Corner: The key to a great relationship? You, at your best!

• Be prepared.

You have to be ready before you can help to create a great relationship. Are you managing your own life reasonably well? Are you a good friend? Are you sober? Have you thought about what you want in a partner, and what you want for your own life goals?

• Be picky.

Be very picky. You will never have the right relationship with the wrong person. Is your potential partner a decent human being? Does he or she show consideration to other people? Can your partner take responsibility for his or her actions? Would you want to be friends with this person, even there wasn't any physical attraction at all? Does your partner think



Dr. Jennifer Levy-Peck  
Director of Counseling Center

you are terrific and special, or does the person act like it is a big favor to be with you?

• Be proactive.

Don't allow yourself to be taken along for a ride on this relationship, no matter how exciting the ride may be. You are the co-creator of this romance, and it is up to you to be honest about what you want and need, to express your thoughts and feelings directly, to talk about what bothers you, and not to settle for anything less than respect

from your partner.

• Be patient.

Many wedding ceremonies include the Bible quote, "Love is patient, love is kind." Being patient means understanding the natural course of relationships – they are almost always fabulous and thrilling in the beginning, but they only remain fabulous if both partners are willing to wait for a deeper relationship to unfold and to invest their true selves in the process. Do you give your partner the benefit of the doubt when you disagree? Do you approach your partner with courtesy and consideration, even when you are irritated or stressed?

• Be positive.

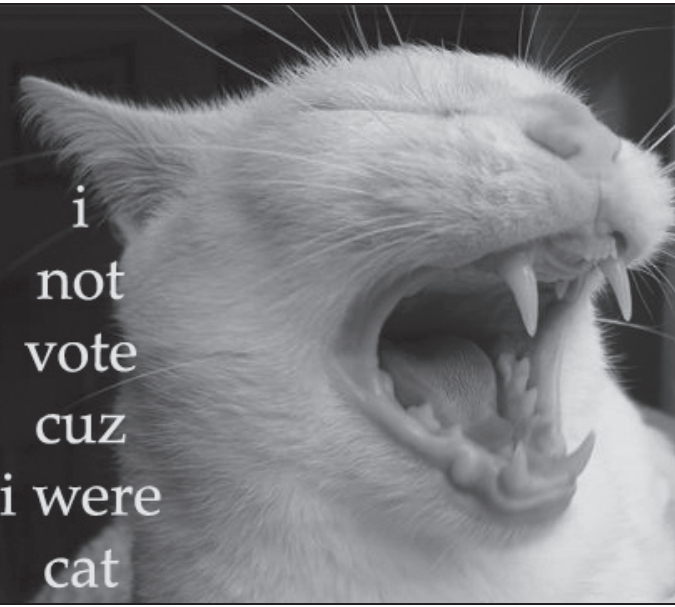
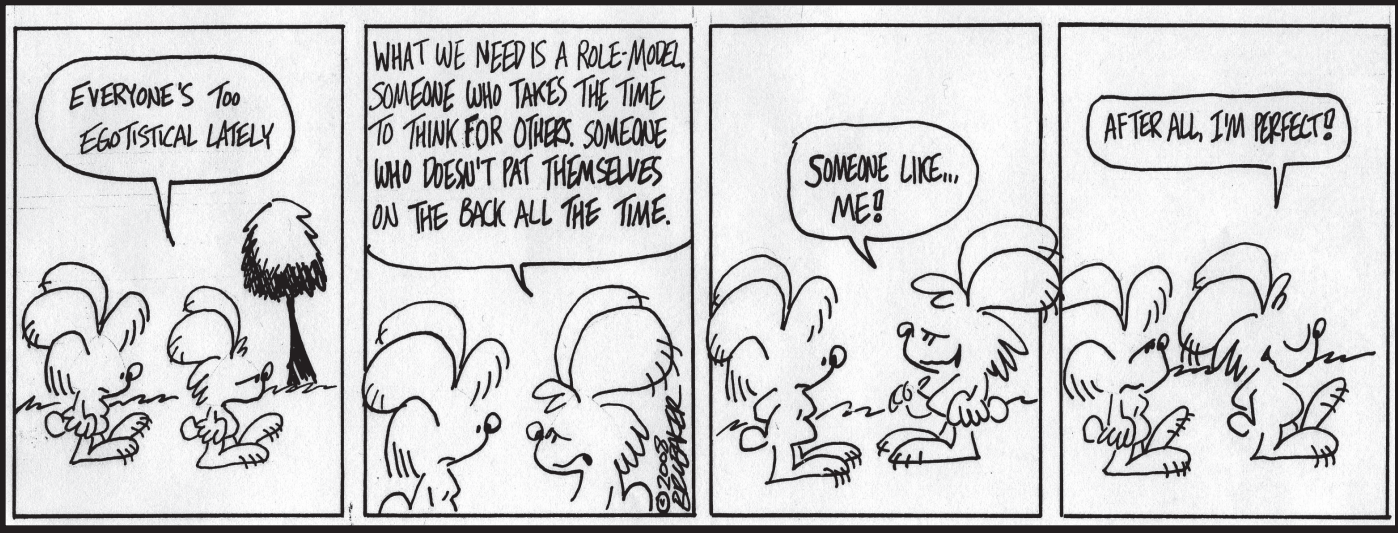
That doesn't mean tak-

ing the approach, "I'm positive you are WRONG!" Do look for the goodness in your partner. Don't overlook meanness or tolerate any sort of abuse, physical or emotional, but don't automatically assume that your partner will do all the negative things that previous partners have done.

Promote the best in your partner. If you have a good relationship, be grateful and mindful; express your appreciation often. If you are with the right person and have done your own preparation for a healthy relationship, you will be able to trust your partner and to enjoy the time you spend together, while continuing to include other friends and productive work in your life. Enjoy!

By: Charles Brubaker

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Our Recommendation for VCSA

Endorsement Editorial:  
Toston best fit to lead UTM of the future

Nearly two years ago, a scrappy cadre of finalists came to campus with hopes of being named the next vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

The most qualified of them may not have even made the cut of five finalists this year.

We applaud Al Hooten and the search committee for acting quickly, professionally and judiciously in seeking some of the most highly qualified candidates for vice chancellor for Student Affairs ever to come to this campus.

All five candidates would fit well at UT Martin, but some fit better than others.

The senior leadership of this university has been dominated by older white males for far too long.

In a time when a woman or a black man can be elected president, it's time for our leaders to better reflect the diversity of our student population—in opinion, educational background and yes, appearance.

The search produced two highly qualified contenders:

In Diane Berty, the university would benefit from a unique look at leadership. Her background in student health services put her outside the realm of the traditional—something we could benefit from at UTM.

Berty's personality conveys confidence and could reassure a division left without permanent leadership since 2005. Her intimate understanding of this university and the unique challenges of Tennessee universities was unparalleled in the finalists.

Berty, a native of Clarksville, Tenn., is engaging, intelligent and well-

prepared for senior leadership in student affairs. She undoubtedly values diversity and would bring more activities to a campus bereft of meaningful culture.

We particularly liked her commitment to making students healthier, including a proposed campus-wide smoking ban.

But we had our reservations.

After she came to campus, we were still unsure what drives her decision-making, and her application and campus interviews lacked specifics relating to her experience.

In Margaret Toston, we would benefit from a student affairs perspective forged by nearly 30 years of exceptional experience at several colleges.

Toston's glowing personality, dedication to data-driven decisions and proven record of making the right choices makes her our choice for vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Toston's leadership has been tested at several universities—giving her the opportunity to pick the best policies for UTM from a menu of past successes.

Sprinkled with accolades from both students and administrators, Toston's resume is unsurpassed among the vice chancellor candidates for its comprehensiveness, depth and breadth. She has worked with and inspired students from all backgrounds, and she is the only candidate who understands the complexity of enrollment management, a need of UTM now and in the foreseeable future.

No other candidate can say he or she lived in university dorms for more than a year to better understand student needs.

No other candidate has devised a plan so comprehensive, so innovative, so inspiring as commissioning hundreds of buttons for faculty, staff and administrators to wear that encourage students to ask for help.

No other candidate parallels the depth of her experience in dealing with students from so many backgrounds. She brought the largest gathering of gay students to her campus. She stood up for Hispanic students who were denied a meeting place and built a cultural center for them.

She has stood in hallways handing out energy bars to ensure students are being served in the best way possible.

Toston has said one of her faults is not being in as many administrative meetings as she should have, but frankly, that's a strength for us.

We want a vice chancellor who is an advocate for students and treats all students the same, regardless of their affiliation with fraternities or sororities.

We need a vice chancellor who believes in strategic planning and using surveys to make decisions.

Margaret Toston represents a new generation of leadership for UT Martin—a generation marked by fairness and progress.

She has experience that perfectly fits UT Martin, from her detailed knowledge of university housing to the disparity between campus and community life.

Her ideas, her leadership and her commitment to the welfare of students make Margaret Toston the most logical choice for a burgeoning campus grasping for its identity.

Seniors



The 2005 yearbooks are available for pickup in 305 Gooch Hall, the Communications Office, from 8 a.m.-noon & 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# Local coffee shop expands to offer select beers

*Staff Reports*

Beer is now just a short walk from campus for students

In Martin, it used to be impossible to buy quality beer said 2001 graduate and co-owner of Baroque Dx Coffee Eric Markin.

"I've been a lot of places and seen a lot of things, and I wanted to bring some of it back (to Martin)," Markin said.

Markin, a self-proclaimed beer enthusiast, decided after a year of owning the shop he would sell a selection of domestic and imported craft beers.

"I love Stella Artois. It's my favorite," Markin said.

He also recommended Yazoo from a brewing company in Nashville and Shock Top made by Anheuser Bush which contains a hint of orange. They also offer a slew of Samuel Adams brews.

In addition to the premium beers, the shop offers regular domestics like Miller Light, Bud Light and Budweiser. On tap, the shop has a five dollar 'drink all night till the keg is gone' special on Bud Light. For those who might not want

to come in, but still would like something different on their palate, the shop's drive-thru allows beer buffs a quick stop for their lager needs at nine dollars a six pack.

Along with adding beer to the menu, the shop plans to add an open mic night, a karaoke night and bring in some comedians throughout the spring semester. Markin said he is unafraid that the addition of alcohol might alter the ambiance of his shop.

"It is for responsible adults, who want drink responsibly with their friends. We can refuse service to anyone who seems like they've had too much to drink," Markin said.

The price of the beer might also hinder people from drinking to excess, said Markin. Some might not see the point in spending more money on beer, but Markin sees it differently.

"Some people will come in and spend a couple dollars on a cup of coffee, and just like that some people will come in and spend a couple dollars on a beer," Markin said.

Plans to add more beers



Eric Markin, owner of Baroque Dx Coffee, stands next to the new selection of domestic and imported beers recently made available at his coffee shop. (Pacer Photo/Katie Mercuri)

and a TV are in the works. Markin said he is never adverse to student suggestions and will potentially order specialty beers by request.

# UTM announces candidates for Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

**Amanda Carr**  
*Pacer Writer*

With a search for Vice Chancellor of Student still underway, the candidates for Vice Chancellor of Academic affairs were announced via campus e-mail on Monday.

Dr. E. Jerald Ogg Jr., interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Donna L. Burgraff, dean of the College of Business, Education and Professional Studies at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshal, Minn.; Dr. W. Harold Ornes, dean of the College of Science at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah and Dr. Richard A. Beck, associate vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, have been named as the candidates for hire.

The four hopefuls will be visiting campus the week of Feb. 11. All four will undergo the same type of open campus and student forums as the candidates for the VCSA position Feb. 11-14. One candidate will speak per night starting at 7:30 in the University Center.

All students are encouraged to attend, take part in the discussions and ask the candidates questions. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs position is one of great influence on campus and deserves every student's attention.

"The public student forums are available so that the students can meet the candidates and let the selection committee know what they think of them. Students have the opportunity to shape the future of the university through these chief positions. Other campuses may not allow this kind of accessibility and I want to encourage students to attend each night, meet the candidates and give their opinions," said Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Steve Vantrease.

# Cox appointed to history commission

**Ashley Totty**  
*Pacer Writer*

UTM history professor Brent Cox, a specialist in Native American History, has recently been appointed by Gov. Phil Bredesen to the Tennessee Historical Commission.

The objective of the commission is essentially to encourage the diverse study of Tennessee's history for the benefit of students.

Cox, nominated by the Tennessee Native American Convention, hopes to accomplish much for the ethic group's recognition in Tennessee history.

"I hope to ensure the place of Native Americans in Tennessee history," Cox said. "Currently they are usually only mentioned in passing, like in the first chapter of a history book,

but I hope to change that."

In a letter from Bredesen to Cox, Bredesen praised Cox's qualifications saying Cox's "individual characteristics and professional

**"I hope to ensure the place of Native Americans in Tennessee history,"**

**- Brent Cox**  
*History Professor*

qualifications were exceptional among the number of nominees who expressed interest." Bredesen also expressed his enthusiasm

for the commission saying, "It is very important to me that our state boards and commissions are filled with the most dedicated citizens."

Some of the duties of the commission are to maintain and operate historical sites, mark important dates, locations and persons in Tennessee; to record and nominate to the National Register of Historic Places all properties which meet National Register criteria and implement other programs of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

"It is a small group of people with a large task," said Cox. "I look forward to it as I always look forward to serving Tennessee and UT Martin."

# Student groups host mock election

*Staff Reports*

Got a political opinion?

You can share it with the campus today during UTM's Super Tuesday Mock Presidential Election.

The mock election, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, SGA and the UC, will be held from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. Voting locations are not restricted – all you need is Internet access, your Portal log-in information and your UTM identification number.

The election Web site is [www.utm.edu/election](http://www.utm.edu/election), and all faculty, staff and students are allowed to participate.

"I hope many on campus take advantage of this opportunity," said Steve Vantrease, interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "We're certainly encouraging everyone to go to the polls and cast

their real votes for our next presidential candidates, but they can also vote in the mock election on campus."

Vantrease said that Student Affairs and SGA collaborated on the idea, with technological support from John Abel, interim director of the UC, and Mike Abney of the Computer Center.

"With all the discussion going on about the primaries, and all the bickering among candidates, we just wanted to get a pulse of our campus on feelings about the election," Vantrease said. "The mock election will be similar to the real world, except that it involves live online voting."

Vantrease said he hopes to have mock election results Wednesday morning. The results will be made available to the campus through University Relations, the

Portal, campus-I and The Pacer, he said.

Plans for the mock election were finalized and announced at SGA's Jan. 29 meeting. To participate, go to the election Web site and log in using your Portal name (jsmith, johns, etc.) and your UTM ID number (960xxxxxx). You will then be directed to the voting site.

Both the Democratic and Republican primary slates will be displayed, but you can only make one selection. As in the real world, the whole slate will be displayed even though some candidates have dropped out. Also, you have the option to vote as an "uncommitted" voter or write in your alternate candidate.

If you have difficulty voting via the Web site, call the SGA Office at 881-7785 for assistance.

# IFC, NPHC begin Greek Week festivities

## Fraternities, sororities host week of events to benefit Habitat for Humanity

*Staff Reports*

Greek Week starts this week with money being raised to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

"The Greek Week funding Habitat for Humanity is something we are going to keep doing over the next year. Eventually, we would like to have an entire house funded by the Greek Week fund raising" says Louis Ragsdale Coordinator for Greek Life.

Tuesday at 7pm, they will be holding their "Hire a Greek" auction in the Student Life Center where

Greeks are being sold to the highest bidder. The winning bidders will have their Greek "slave" for the week and are normally used for cleaning and running errands.

The Line Dance will be Wednesday at 7pm in the Skyhawk Field House the cost is \$2. This Thursday at 9pm in the Skyhawk Field House, they will be performing Lip Sync. The cost of the show will be \$3 at the door. This year the theme will be Broadway Musicals.

IFC/NPC Step Show will be Friday at 7pm in the

Skyhawk Field House. The cost is \$8 in advance at UC Information Desk or \$10 at the door.

The NPC Rockathon Fundraiser will be Saturday from 11am until 6pm in the Student Life Center. Alpha Tau Omega will be having a chicken dinner to benefit St. Jude. Dinner will cost \$7 and tickets can be purchased from members or at the NPC fundraiser.

Greek Fest will end with the Awards Ceremony Sunday at 5:30pm in the Student Life Center.

# Increase in students, admission standards

MEMPHIS, (AP) \_ More students are trying to get into college in Tennessee, thanks mostly to money from Lottery scholarships, but universities are getting more selective too.

With the pool of college applicants widening, schools in Tennessee and across the nation have become increasingly selective.

University of Tennessee at Knoxville dean of enrollment services Richard Bayer says applications are going up, and the quality in that pool is improving too.

In 2001, about 96 percent of students who applied to the university were accept-

ed. This year the acceptance rate will hit its lowest point ever at 64 percent.

The flux of students applying to local colleges, for the most part, is being driven by the Tennessee lottery scholarship program.

The number of students getting financial aid has nearly doubled since the scholarship's inception in 2004.

It started at \$93 million worth of scholarships for 40,000 students and has increased to \$233 million for 78,000 students. A proposed budget hike by Gov. Phil Bredesen could provide college funding for another 15,000.

The increase in candidates has allowed some colleges to gradually increase admissions standards.

Over the last four years, the University of Memphis has put more weight on GPA's and ACT scores, as well as reserved spots for honor students, said assistant vice provost for enrollment services William Akey.

While the university has more desirable applicants, Akey says, "Our goal is not to become an exclusive institution."

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# Nation remembers Columbia space shuttle disaster five years after tragedy

**Matt Cook**  
*Executive Editor*

"Roger, uh, but..."

They are the last known words of Col. Rick Husband, mission commander for STS-107, the last mission of the space shuttle "Columbia." The U.S. Air Force colonel is in mid sentence, acknowledging a transmission from NASA's Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas, when the communications signal from Columbia to Mission Control is lost.

At 8:10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, Columbia's crew is informed by Mission Control that they are GO for de-orbit, after 16 days in orbit performing myriad scientific research experiments.

8:15: Husband and shuttle pilot William McCool, a US Navy Commander, perform the de-orbit burn to send the shuttle hurtling toward the Earth.

8:44: Columbia flies over the Pacific Ocean at a height of 400,000 feet and begins colliding with air molecules in the upper atmosphere, causing temperatures outside the shuttle to rise to 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit.

8:52: Columbia enters the peak heating phase of re-entry, approximately 300 miles from the California coast.

8:53:46: Debris is seen trailing from Columbia. Mission Control has observed a normal re-entry to this point.

8:54:25: Columbia crosses into Nevada; shuttle is seen

by observers to flash brightly and more debris is seen falling from Columbia.

8:55: Columbia crosses into Utah briefly, then enters Arizona.

8:56: Columbia enters New Mexico, now at an altitude of 219,000 feet.

8:58:20: Columbia enters Texas.

8:59:15: Tire pressure readings on Columbia's landing gear are lost in Mission Control. Houston alerts the shuttle's crew.

8:59:32: Husband's response to the alert is cut off in mid sentence. They are the last words heard from the crew.

Less than 50 seconds later the main body of the shuttle is observed to be breaking apart, and observers on the ground hear a loud

boom as debris and smoke trails fill the clear, blue skies of north Texas.

All seven astronauts – Husband, McCool, Payload Commander Lt. Col Michael Anderson of the US Air Force, Payload Specialist Col. Ilan Ramon of the Israeli Air Force, Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla, Mission Specialist Capt. David Brown of the US Navy and Mission Specialist Capt. Laurel Clark of the US Navy – were killed in the disaster.

UTM Astronomy Professor Dr. Lionel Crews said he heard about the disaster on the news that Saturday morning.

"My initial response was utter sadness. Astronauts



Columbia's crew poses for a photo aboard the shuttle. This photo was recovered from an unprocessed roll of film found in the wreckage. (AP Photo/NASA, file)







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to the curriculum,” June said last week. “That’s something I’ve been intimately involved with. Everything should tie together.”

“If we develop a lecture series, for example, this is not done in isolation,” he said. “We should work closely with Academic Affairs.”

June said bringing more culture to campus is important, and he favors an assessment of what’s already on campus and what role Student Affairs can play in strengthening UTM’s offerings.

“We have to decide what it is we’re supporting, are we collaborating, are we looking at the resources needed to make that happen?” June said. “We need to make sure it fits in with the goals of the institution.”

June, who was a member of the traditionally black Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity as an undergraduate at Florida A&M, was the strongest proponent of the role of fraternities and sororities on campus.

“(Greek life) is a marriage between the university and the respective national organization,” June said. “It’s a wonderful framework if done correctly. It’s a recruitment tool, it’s a retention tool, it’s a way to

find good leadership.”

He said fraternities and sororities also serve as a base for increasing alumni giving.

But June said he also supports non-Greek student organizations and their ability to “foster the same type of relationships as Greeks.”

He said organizations augment and supplement Greek Life’s mission.

June also said his decisions are all based on the university and division’s missions.

“The pillar (to achieving goals) is understanding—faculty, staff and students—what is the university’s mission, and second, what is the strategic direction Student Affairs wants to go in,” June said.

June resigned from his vice president position at Florida A&M in July 2007 over what he called a political squabble, and he has not worked since then.

“I worked with the interim president, and I thought I would at least be there for three years and the presidential search took place sooner rather than later,” June said. “I didn’t want to work with the new president.”

June explained in that in Florida, vice chancellors serve at the pleasure of the university’s president and

that the gap between his resignation and application at UTM was a “needed rest.”

June said his first responsibility at UTM would be to have an “open dialogue” with Student Affairs staff and student leaders “to see where Student Affairs is, where it’s been and where it’s going.”

June, who earned his doctorate in higher education at Washington State in 1996, said administrators’ ultimate responsibility is to students.

Aggressive budgeting and grant-writing are among June’s strongest strengths, he said.

June said he holds meetings with administrators four times a year to discuss budget priorities.

“(Budgeting) is a tight process, and it’s a challenging process,” he said. “I oftentimes like to have a rewards system.”

June said he brings creativity to the budget-making process, which allows him to shift funds between accounts and make money stretch further.

June was responsible for a Student Affairs budget of about \$34 million at Florida A&M.

“None of us would have jobs in higher ed if it weren’t for students,” he said.

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Woody said she hopes the next vice chancellor for Student Affairs devotes more attention to attracting—but more importantly, retaining—students from underrepresented populations.

She said she hopes to see more funding for student programs aimed at minority students, community outreach and recruitment for students representing what she called the “full spectrum of diversity,” including race, gender, sexual orientation and even economic background.

“That’s just a dream I have; they killed Martin Luther King for having a dream,” Woody joked.

The committee’s recommendation marks the near-end of a protracted process that began in August 2005 with the abrupt resignation of Katherine High, the most recent permanent vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

High left to take an administrative post with the University of Tennessee system in Knoxville.

The search for High’s permanent replacement was reopened in April 2006 after Leroy Durant from Jackson State University declined the position.

Internal candidate David Belote—who was serving as the interim for the position—was told then he would have been more competitive if he had already earned a doctorate.

The search was further delayed by the retirement of Chancellor Nick Dunagan and the elevation of then-provost Tom Rakes to chancellor.

Steve Vantrease will continue to serve as the interim in the position until a permanent replacement is named, he has said. He did not apply for the permanent position.

Hooten, who was the search committee chairman during the previous search, credits an earlier start with producing a more qualified pool of candidates than the earlier search.

During the last round of searches, advertisements and job postings weren’t

made public until January, as opposed to starting in September this academic year, he said.

Hooten said he instructed the search committee to talk candidly about strengths and weaknesses of the four candidates left in the search, and then the eight committee members cast votes for up to three of their favorites.

The search committee is composed of Mary Lee Hall, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; Elaine Harriss, Faculty Senate president and interim director for graduate studies; Charlie Deal, assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations; Gina McClure, director of the Office of Campus Recreation; Sandra Neel, director of the Office of Financial Assistance; Teresa Woody, director of the Office of Minority Affairs; Erin Chambers, Student Government Association president; and Erin Smith, a student representative.

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have the riskiest jobs because space is the most dangerous environment to be in. NASA has had so few disasters, and it is quite amazing that we haven’t had that many,” Crews said.

The impact of losing the shuttle was difficult to measure, Crews said, given that so few problems had previously occurred. However, he added that the shuttle program would be phased out over time even if the fatal disaster had not taken place five years ago.

“The space shuttle has long outlived its usefulness,” Crews said. “A huge amount of money has gone into the shuttles, and that

has been a drag on the rest of the space program.”

Crews suggested that space planes – smaller ships designed to get humans into space without the large cargo capacity of the shuttles – are the way of the future. If NASA wants to construct something in space, such as a space station, it could ship the parts separately in unmanned flights, and then fly astronauts to put the pieces together in the smaller, safer space planes.

Crews said that students should pay attention to the program because he believes it is our future.

“The more we know about space, the more we

Toston: Continued from Cover

she lived in university residences—exemplifies her unique attitude toward student affairs.

“The effects (of deciding to live in the dorms) were almost immediate,” Toston said. “First of all, there was just this disbelief that a person of my level would be willing to live in the same circumstances as they did. I learned very quickly what the issues were.”

She said as a result of her experience, the university decided to remodel a residence hall that had become neglected because “no one at a decision-making level had been inside that building in years.”

As vice president at Central Connecticut, a public four-year college of about 10,000 students in New Britain, Conn., Toston oversaw 14 departments and managed a budget of about \$6 million.

Members of fraternities and sororities—who make up about 15 percent of UTM’s total enrollment, a proportion significantly higher than other public schools in Tennessee—serve a definite purpose on campus but should not be treated differently from other student organizations, Toston said.

“I don’t think there should be any greater attention to the behaviors, the goals—

anything related to the Greeks,” Toston told The Pacer. “I believe Greeks do a good job with self-governing, but when there are conduct problems, they should be dealt with in the same way as any member of any student organization.”

Toston said her commitment to diversity is “deeply ingrained into me as a human being” and goes beyond laws and policies.

She helped bring the largest True Colors gay and lesbian student conference in the country to Central Connecticut, and she oversaw the construction of a Latino student center, according to her application packet.

Before working at Central Connecticut, Toston directed the disabled student program at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Hispanics make up the largest minority of Central Connecticut students.

She said one way of recruiting a more diverse student body is to let students from underrepresented groups tell their stories in admissions material.

As adviser to student government associations, Toston said she prefers helping leaders devise a strategic plan, rather than sitting in on Senate meetings.

Toston restructured Central Connecticut’s stu-

dent handbook to add frequently asked questions and renamed it the “student survival guide.”

She ordered buttons for administrators, staff and faculty to wear during student orientation and the first few weeks of classes reading, “Ask for help.”

Student Affairs phone numbers were printed on the back of the buttons in case the wearers didn’t know the answer to students’ questions.

Toston also said the university has a responsibility to provide cultural opportunities to the community by cooperating with chambers of commerce and meeting with community leaders.

She helped start a universitywide critical incidence response team to deal with emergencies and has had the FBI test their policies by holding mock disaster drills on campus.

Before working at Central Connecticut, Toston was dean of student life and development at Maryville University of St. Louis from 1995 to 2003.

Toston earned her doctorate in higher education leadership from the University of Mississippi in 1994 and earned a certificate in education management and leadership from Harvard.

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comprised of faculty from different departments, a representative from student affairs, Steve Vantrease and at least two students affiliated with SGA.

This will be the first time in the three years since the scholarship’s beginning that they will have to start turning people down. The first group of students likely to be rejected will be those asking for funds to go to conventions held in the United States. Previously, students wanting to attend national meetings for an organization in which they held membership were eligible to receive the money.

The decision was made to reject those particular requests because the trips do not stay true to the real objective of the fund, which is to be able to provide funds for students’ experiences traveling abroad.

The committee meets five

to six times a year, with the most important meetings falling after each of the four deadlines. The members have approximately a week to review the applications and then meet again to decide on recipients.

Since the number of students applying for the scholarship is greater than expected, the committee has been careful about awarding the money. Crapo said that steps will be made to try to raise more money. First, the school will be approached to add money to the pool, and then they will look to private donors. The last step to raise funds would be to ask SGA to raise the amount contributed by students.

Students took the first step by creating the scholarship, and Crapo feels that it positively shows private donors that students understand the importance

of traveling abroad to their education. The Center for Global Studies, however, is always looking for private donors to add to the fund.

The scholarship of \$500 may not seem like much, but it covers an estimated one-fifth of the total price of most 10-day travel studies.

Kyoko Hammond, UTM instructor of Japanese, takes students to Japan for a travel study and is thankful for the scholarship. She does not know how many of her students would be able to afford the trip otherwise.

“All the students I take to Japan have applied, and I believe received the scholarship. The trip costs \$2,400 for 10 days, and for a college student, that is a lot of money,” Hammond said.

students are welcome to attend.

UTM Circle K Club

A Spring membership drive will be held 6:00P-7:00P - Wednesday, February 6, 2008 University Center, Room 229. Circle K International is an organization for college and university students who are responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to community service. Students who have an interest in service, leadership, and fellowship are encouraged to contact the UTM Circle K Club President, Josh Potts (jospott@utm.edu).



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Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

Lifeline: Blood Donors Wanted

Lifeline Blood Services is asking O negative and B positive donors to give blood. There is currently a serious need for these particular blood types. New rules at LIFELINE Blood Services make it ok to donate blood even if you

have a tattoo. Please give blood when the bloodmobiles visit UTM on Feb 5th and 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the UC

HIV/STD Awareness

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Presents: Wise Up!, a discussion on HIV and STD Awareness on Thursday, Jan. 31 in the UC Room 206 B&C at 7:13 pm. Join them in learning about the causes, symptoms and, cures (if any) of Sexually Transmitted Diseases. There will also be discussions about the HIV virus and AIDs, and how to protect yourself and your partner. Hope to see you there!

UTM Super Tuesday

The Student Government Association and the Boling University Center will host our own, UTM Super Tuesday Feb.5, 2008. From 8:00am-6:00pm, UTM students, faculty and staff will be able to log into a mock primary election ballot to select their presidential primary candidate. This will be a mock election polling the campus community's choice for presidential candidates...this is NOT the real primary election.

Black History Month/ Civil Rights Conference

Black History Month program sponsored by BSA/NAACP to be held on February 13 at 4:00 p.m. in room 206 B&C, Boling University Center. The speaker will be Beverly Watts, Tennessee Human Rights Commission executive director, who will focus on voting and campus advocacy. Civil Rights Week is Feb. 25-March 1st.

Times Talk Super Tuesday

Today student representatives will voice support for their candidate in the Times Talk forum, held at Skyhawk Dining, Room 125, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All



# Cooking Italian... easy

by Karen Langdon

The extent of the cooking skills of the typical college student end somewhere between a bag of microwave popcorn and the occasional package of macaroni and cheese. And when you live in Martin, Tenn., the choices for eating out are slim at best.

Many UTM students have access to kitchens, but either don't think they have time to cook or simply don't know how. So I decided to come up with a few Italian recipes that are fast, healthy and easy to help you start putting your kitchen to better use. The next time you don't feel like resigning yourself to eating at the UC or going out for fast food, give one of these a try!

## Italian Staples

### Pasta

Go figure. A lot of Italian cuisine revolves around pasta. Luckily, even in Martin pasta is easy to come by. Everything from regular spaghetti to whole wheat tortellini can be found at Wal\*Mart. Throw some noodles and sauce together, and you've got a meal.



### Tomatoes

Tomatoes are always a good vegetable to have on hand. Romas, cherry and grape tomatoes offer a sweeter flavor and can be easily cut up and used with pasta. If you don't want to go to the trouble of using fresh tomatoes, the canned variety work just as well, and in some cases, better. Many of these come pre-seasoned and can be used straight out of the can as a pasta or pizza sauce.



### Bread

Everybody knows that you can't have a complete Italian meal without bread. My favorite way to serve bread is crispy from the toaster oven with an herb and olive oil mixture ready for dipping.



### Olive Oil

Olive oil can be a very versatile ingredient. It can be used as a simple sauce in itself or for sauteeing almost any imaginable vegetable to go with pasta. Plus, it contains omega 3 fatty acids, making it one of the most healthful oils for cooking.



### Herbs

Italian food relies heavily on the use of a wide variety of herbs. You're probably already familiar with some of the most important ones like basil, rosemary, organo, thyme, and parsley. They can all be used by themselves for their individual flavors or combined to create a multifaceted taste. If you don't want to bother with individual herbs, you can even buy Italian mixtures and sprinkle them right in.

### Lasagna

**Prep Time:**

20 min

**Total Time:**

1 hr 35 min

**Makes:**

12 servings, one piece each

- 1 lb. ground beef or vegetarian crumbles
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2-1/2 cups KRAFT Shredded Low-Moisture Part-Skim Mozzarella Cheese, divided
- 1 container Part Skim Ricotta Cheese
- 1/2 cup Grated Parmesan Cheese, divided
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 jar (26 oz.) spaghetti sauce
- 1 cup water
- 12 lasagna noodles, uncooked

**PREHEAT** oven to 350°F. Brown meat in large skillet on medium-high heat. Meanwhile, mix egg, 1-1/4 cups of the mozzarella cheese, the ricotta cheese, 1/4 cup of the Parmesan cheese and the parsley until well blended; set aside.

**DRAIN** meat; return to skillet. Stir in spaghetti sauce. Add water to empty sauce jar; cover with lid and shake well. Add to meat mixture; stir until well blended. Spread 1 cup of the sauce onto bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish; top with layers of 3 lasagna noodles, one-third of the ricotta cheese mixture and 1 cup of the sauce. Repeat layers twice. Top with remaining 3 noodles and the remaining meat sauce. Sprinkle with remaining 1-1/4 cups mozzarella cheese and remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Cover with greased foil.

**BAKE** 45 min. Remove foil; bake an additional 15 min. or until heated through. Let stand 15 min. before cutting to serve.

### Fettuccini Alfredo

**Prep Time:**

5 min

**Total Time:**

20 min

**Makes:**

4 servings, 1 cup each

- 1/2 lb. fettuccine, uncooked
- 1-1/4 cups fat-free reduced-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 4 tsp. flour
- 1/3 cup Light Cream Cheese Spread
- 3 Tbsp. Grated Parmesan Cheese, divided
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

**COOK** pasta as directed on package.

**MEANWHILE**, mix broth and flour in medium saucepan with wire whisk. Add cream cheese spread, 2 Tbsp. of the Parmesan cheese, the nutmeg and pepper; cook 2 min. or until mixture comes to boil and thickens, stirring constantly.

**DRAIN** pasta; place in large bowl. Add sauce; toss to coat. Sprinkle with remaining 1 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese and the parsley.

### TIP

Vegetable broth can be found at E.W. James.

### Pesto Presto

**Prep Time:**

10 min

**Total Time:**

10 min

**Makes:**

5 servings, about 2 Tbsp. each

- 3 cups fresh basil leaves, washed, dried
- 1/2 cup House Italian Dressing
- 1/4 cup Grated Parmesan Cheese

**PLACE** all ingredients in food processor or blender container; cover.

**PROCESS** until well blended.

### TIP

Pesto can be frozen in ice cube trays and popped out later for individual servings.



# UT Martin alumnus to visit campus, sign recent novel

**Amanda Rogers**  
*Pacer Writer*

UT Martin alumnus M. J. Mollenhour will be signing copies of his latest novel, "Arcturus," this Thursday, February 7, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Paul Meek Library.

His new novel consists of some events and characters based on real experiences, and is described on the author's Web site as taking the reader "...into a swirling, fast-paced plot of espionage, piracy, betrayal, and Islamic terrorism."

The novel is based on the story behind the luxury yacht Arcturus' rescue mission. Mollenhour conceived the story from news accounts of lost yachts, taken and scuttled by drug run-

ners and from true accounts of people longing to escape Cuban communism.

The bitter events of 9-11 added the element of Islamic terrorism.

He began writing Arcturus four years ago.

Mollenhour grew up in Sharon and graduated from Sharon High School in 1969. He attended UTM where he worked many jobs including a stint as a cameraman for the educational TV station on campus, in the housing office, the ROTC department and the business office.

He graduated from UTM in June 1973 with a B.S. Degree in Psychology and a minor in History.

Because of his Army scholarship he was committed to four years of service.

After attending the Army's Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was commissioned into the Army as Second Lieutenant

He later completed further training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Benning, and was then assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. From there he was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 506th Infantry "Currahee" Regiment, made well known by the "Band of Brothers" series. There he met a number of interesting soldiers, some of whom inspired him while writing his book.

He resigned from the Army of his own will in 1977. After re-adjusting to civilian life he attend-

ed graduate school at UT Knoxville, got married and returned to work.

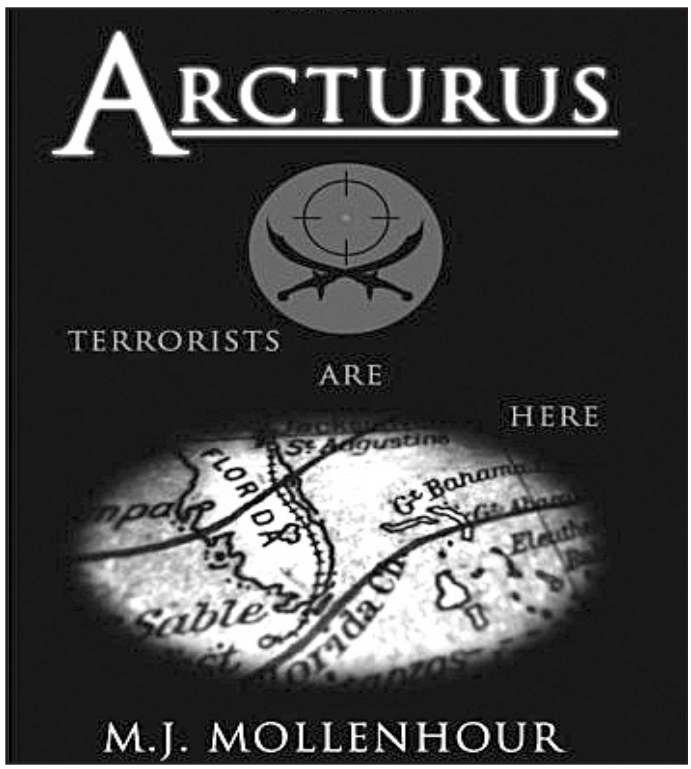
Mollenhour managed a manufacturing plant until 1982 when he started UT Law School, from which he graduated in December of 1984.

He currently works as an attorney in Knoxville.

On Feb. 6 Mollenhour will be signing at the Sharon and Greenfield public libraries. After his visit to the Martin campus, he will be signing at the Obion County public library.

His book is available in the campus book store for \$25 plus tax.

On the net:  
www.mjmollenhour.com



# Ison wows audience, bridges genres with senior tuba recital

**Matt Cook**  
*Executive Editor*

Solo tuba player is not a commonly seen profession, given that for every one tuba player in a symphonic band there will be an average of 25 to 30 other instrumentalists.

On Sunday afternoon, however, Tony Ison showed an audience in the Harriet Fulton Theater just how powerful a solo tuba can be.

Ison, a senior music education major from Jackson, Tenn., said he thought his senior recital was well received by the audience.

"I thought it was a great performance," Ison said. "And now I don't have to get up at 6 a.m. to rehearse for a recital."

Ison's performance covered a wide range of tuba

literature, with pieces largely from the 20th Century, Dr. Bradley Coker, instructor of tuba, said.

Ison began the performance with Edward Gregson's "Tuba Concerto," accompanied by Delana Easley, staff accompanist for the Music Department.

The concerto, a grueling 18-minute piece, showcased Ison's dynamic and tonal ranges throughout fast and slow sections. The challenging work went from a fast, attention-getting opening section into a slower, melodic second movement before returning to a theme similar to the opening in the third movement.

Ison then played a solo work with an accompaniment CD entitled "New England Reveries" by Neal Corwell. The piece featured a dark, ethereal melody

complemented by the synthetic sounds of strings.

Ison next moved to contrasting movements from Alec Wilder's "Suite No. 1 'Effie.'" Ison first played the sixth movement, "Effie Sings a Lullaby," and then the fourth, "Effie Joins the Carnival."

Ison concluded his recital with a brass quintet piece, with the assistance of fellow music majors Justin Brown, Jeremy Rhoads, Matthew Emison and Chris Vaughn. The quintet played Gioacchino Rossini's "Largo al Factotum" from The Barber of Seville.

Ison said his plans for the coming months include performing in the Leonard Falcone International Tuba and Euphonium Competition in March and student teaching during the fall semester before graduating.



MATT COOK / The Pacer

# Lupe Fiasco changes the game with 'Cool'

**Chris Ivey**  
*Pacer Writer*

The term "sophomore slump" refers to an artist's second album that is not on par with their freshman debut. The greatest example of this might be Hootie and the Blowfish whose debut album "Cracked Rear View" sold an amazing 12 million copies, but their follow up album titled "Fairweather Johnson," or as I like to call it "14 Songs that Sound exactly like Only Wanna Be With You," sold a fourth of that.

The problem lay with Hootie's inability to reinvent themselves as musicians. People get tired of hearing the same thing, no matter how good that thing sounds.

So, when Lupe Fiasco set off to the recording studio to create his follow-up album to the critically acclaimed "Food and Liquor," properly titled "The Cool," he did just that.

He changed his sound by utilizing the help of pro-

ducers Soundtrakk, Unkle, Patrick Stump and Chris Paultrie rather than Kanye West and Pharell Williams, who produced most of "Food and Liquor."

With the addition of guest musicians Mathew Santos, Snoop Dogg, Sarah Green and Gemstones, the new album has a totally different vibe.

Even the first single, "Dumb it Down," which examines the commercialization and all around stupidity of the present day rap genre, is in sharp contrast to the cheerful first single released on "Food and Liquor," which was "Kick Push." This song tells the story of two hip-hopppers who fall in love by means of half pipes, aerials and olies.

The subject matter on "The Cool" is darker. Lupe deals with such touchy subjects as rape and AIDS on "Intruder Alert" and gun control on "Little Weapon." On the flipside though, he does rap about "Street Fighter II" and Monte Blanc pens on the track "Gold Watch."

The beats greatly differ from those on "Food and Liquor," mostly because of the producing changes. "Food and Liquor" mainly sampled relaxed beats. It sounded a little like "College Dropout," but "The Cool" is more eclectic. It's like the styles of "Late Registration" Kanye West and "Shock Value" Timbaland fused to create the record. It has elements of rock, jazz, rhythm and blues over hard bass kicks and also has a song, "Paris, Tokyo," that sounds like a "Souls of Mischief" joint from the mid nineties.

Mathew Santos is also a great addition to the songs "Superstar" and "Fighters." He sounds a lot like Adam Levine from Maroon 5, which gives this album a pop element.

All in all, the album is a solid effort by the skateboarding Muslim from Chicago. It's exactly what the album says it is...cool.

Touché, Lupe.

# GREEKFEST 2008

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
ΧΩ MR. GREEK - 7:00 P.M. - WATKINS AUDITORIUM

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
"HIRE A GREEK" AUCTION - 7:00 P.M. - STUDENT LIFE CENTER

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
LINE DANCE - 7:00 P.M. - SKYHAWK FIELDHOUSE (COST: \$2)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
LIP SYNC - 9:00 P.M. - SKYHAWK FIELDHOUSE (COST: \$3)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
IFC/NPC STEPSHOW - 7:00 P.M. - SKYHAWK FIELDHOUSE  
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## From the Geek Corner

### Strong words from Google

Late last week Microsoft offered a hostile bid to buy Yahoo. This move has been widely criticized across the Web, especially by rival company Google. In lue of my tech column this week I am going to quote Google's official response, which is more eloquently put than anything I could write. So here it is:

"The openness of the Internet is what made Google -- and Yahoo! -- possible. A good idea that users find useful spreads quickly. Businesses can be created around the idea. Users benefit from constant innovation. It's what makes the Internet such an exciting place.

So Microsoft's hostile bid for Yahoo! raises troubling questions. This is about more than simply a financial transaction, one company taking over another. It's about preserving the underlying principles of the Internet: openness and innovation.

Could Microsoft now attempt to exert the same sort of inappropriate and illegal influence over the Internet that it did with the PC? While the Internet rewards competitive innovation, Microsoft has frequently sought to establish proprietary monopolies -- and then leverage its dominance into new, adjacent markets.

Could the acquisition of Yahoo! allow Microsoft -- despite its legacy of serious legal and regulatory offenses -- to extend unfair practices from browsers



**Jon-Michael St. Amant**  
Technology columnist

and operating systems to the Internet? In addition, Microsoft plus Yahoo! equals an overwhelming share of instant messaging and web email accounts. And between them, the two companies operate the two most heavily trafficked portals on the Internet. Could a combination of the two take advantage of a PC software monopoly to

**"Could Microsoft now attempt to exert the same sort of inappropriate and illegal influence over the Internet that it did with the PC?"**

unfairly limit the ability of consumers to freely access competitors' email, IM, and web-based services? Policymakers around the world need to ask these questions -- and consumers deserve

satisfying answers. This hostile bid was announced on Friday, so there is plenty of time for these questions to be thoroughly addressed. We take Internet openness, choice and innovation seriously. They are the core of our culture. We believe that the interests of Internet users come first -- and should come first -- as the merits of this proposed acquisition are examined and alternatives explored."

Truely, I couldn't have put it any better myself. However, we will have to wait and see what comes from this move.



## www.OnNetworks.com

**Charlie McIntosh**  
Technology Editor

Visual entertainment has become harder to come by within the past few months.

With the Writer's Guild of America continuing their strike months after it began, the amount of quality programming on television continues to decrease. The problem doesn't lie in a lack of programming, but the drought in original and new material has left cotton mouthed audiences thirstier than ever.

Options are still available for viewers, however, and many of these options have been appearing on the Web. One of the latest places on the Web for new programming is OnNetworks.com, a Website featuring low-budget but high quality shows to drown out the boredom of couch potatoes nation-wide.

The website's premise is simple: a variety of fresh entertainment and shows made by the site and provided free of charge. Unlike Youtube.com, OnNetworks places all of its content right up on the front page for you, with no need for end-

less searching or browsing for a quick laugh.

As an added bonus, the quality of each show surpasses what you would expect from a Website, and a wide variety of different themes and topics are presented.

For instance, you can learn what it's like to be a stand-up comic by following the life of comedian Christian Thom in "Comedy Insider," receive Golf Tips from PGA Professional Instructor Joe Beck, or discover the science behind making the perfect steak in "Food Science."

Top episodes of OnNetwork's multiple shows are listed and rated in a sidebar on the main page, making the browsing experience quick and easy for anyone who wants to end their boredom in a hurry.

Even if the strike ends, new episodes of your favorite shows won't be coming until the Fall. This makes the value of a site like OnNetworks.com really skyrocket for TV lovers everywhere.

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## SPECIAL REPORT

### UTM Student Organizations are looking to bolster via Web

**Amber Niblock**  
Staff Writer

OrgSync, a web-based system created to enhance student organization productivity, is currently in the process of being implemented at UTM. The system was created by former student organization members for student organizations and provides a multitude of applications and features to help student organizations operate more efficiently.

The cost of implementing the program is a mere \$2500 a year, which will be paid for out of the Office for Student Organizations budget this year and in following years, out of the student technology fee.

David Taylor, the Coordinator for Student Organizations, is spearheading OrgSync's implementation and believes the

new system will positively influence and enhance student life at UTM.

"I wanted to bring student orgs into the 21st Century in way that is both unique and efficient. OrgSync gives students the tools it needs to be a productive organization. We expect that student organizations will greatly benefit from all the program has to offer and allow the Office for Student Organizations to better serve its students," said Taylor.

While it offers facebook-like networking capabilities, it surpasses in org-specific tools like online membership fee collection and bank depositing, website creation and design, news feeds, mass text messaging, member directories, polling, and more.

But the perks don't stop with student organizations.

OrgSync is set-up in a 4 layer system with Student Life at the top. Underneath, falls the sub-categories of student organizations, sports recreation (intramurals), and Greek-life. Next, organizations can create private profiles distinctive to their organizations needs and wants. Last, students can create individual profiles, under which they can add the organizations they are members of, with the permission of the group administrator, and stay informed and organized with personalized calendars, discussion boards, etc.

The program doesn't affect just students; it provides administration with up-to-date student org. rosters and allows the Office for Student Organizations to track involvement, leadership roles, and community

service for each student and organization through a Co-Curricular Record (CCR). CCRs act as a transcript for a student's Greek-life, organization, and intramural involvement and centralize student management in a convenient, online record system. In addition, the new program helps organizations keep in contact with alumni through email updates and online donation solicitation tools.

OrgSync is set to be open for use sometime this week and will formally be introduced to student organizations at the next President's Roundtable, this Tuesday night at 8:00 PM in University Center Legislative Chambers. For more information on the program visit OrgSync.com or contact the Office for Student Organizations at 731.881.1864.

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## GT5 sets a new standard for racing, whenever it arrives

**Heather Peterson**  
Pacer Writer

Gran Turismo 5 Prologue was released in Japan on December 13, 2007. Luckily, I have a copy now since the North American release is not until April 17 and may yet again be pushed back.

Even though it may be considered, a demo to some there is still plenty of things to do in this game to keep you busy. Graphically the game is stunning, most times it is nearly impossible to tell the difference between actual footage and gameplay.

The details of the loca-

tions are amazingly correct, and the weather actually influences game play like it would in real life. Once again, Polyphony Digital has set the bar for the racing genre.

The game will retail for 40 dollars on both the Blu-Ray disc version and through the Playstation Network as a download. The official release of Gran Turismo 5 is still not available. All that is known is that it will come out sometime this year.

The game features 37 cars from various different carmakers and 10 playable racetracks. Some of the options found in the game

are News, GT TV, Online mode, Ranking, Arcade, Event, Garage, Dealer, Replay, and of course the options menu.

The news section releases a broad line of news about GT5 or anything closely related to it. When a car is bought from a dealer, news directly from that dealer about their products can be viewed. GT TV has videos that present certain cars in the game. In the online mode race against other people in the world, choosing from the cars that have been bought and the racetracks to race on.

The ranking system shows

your rank in the world in both time trials, and actual competitive racing. The ranking system records what car was used, the course was raced, whether racing was in simulation or professional mode, the type of tires used, race time, and the date the record was recorded.

Event races are where money is earned and cars can be unlocked in the game. C class races are the first ones and work towards A class races. Depending on the race, only certain cars are allowed to be used for that specific race.

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## Men’s basketball wins one on the road to stay in OVC race

**John Summers**  
Sports Editor

The UT Martin men’s basketball team overcame a rough week at home to pull off a victory on the road Saturday to salvage their Ohio Valley Conference playoff hopes.

The previous week had the potential to be a big one for the Skyhawks, but it started out on a sour note. The team fell at home 74-60 to OVC foe Eastern Kentucky on Tuesday.

The adrenaline was flowing pregame, as the team’s starting lineup introduction was reminiscent of the infamous Chicago Bulls’ intro in the ‘90s. However, EKU effectively took the crowd out of the game by going on a 9-0 run early in the game to take an 11-2 advantage five minutes into the game.

The teams traded baskets for much of the rest of the half until EKU went on and 8-0 run capped off by point guard Adam Leonard’s three-pointer to take a 36-22 lead. This 14 point advantage was the most EKU led by in the first half.

Skyhawk freshman Marquis Weddle nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to cut the EKU lead to 39-31 at halftime.

Weddle extended his hot hand into the second half. He connected on another 3-pointer to trim the EKU lead to 44-41 at the 15:30 mark. The Skyhawks would not get as close for the rest of the game.

EKU went on a 15-2 run after Weddle’s basket to pull away from the Skyhawks for good.

UTM would cut the lead to seven points late in the game, but EKU hit eight free throws down the stretch to win 74-60.

EKU’s Adam Leonard was amazing in the victory. The guard nailed 7 treys and poured in a team-high



**(Left): Lester Hudson scans the Tennessee Tech defense during Thursday’s 100-95 loss. Hudson had 27 points and 3 steals in the game to break the UTM school record for steals in a season. (Right): Marquis Weddle nails a three-pointer over a Tennessee Tech defender. Weddle tied his career high with 30 points in the game. (Left photo: Pacer/Emily Yocum; Right photo: University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)**

23 points.

Weddle was the lone bright area for UTM. He also hit 7 treys and had a game-high 25 points.

Lester Hudson was the only other Skyhawk who scored in double-digits. One of the nation’s leader scorers was held to just 15 points by the tough EKU defense. His streak of 20 consecutive free throws made was also snapped.

The home court woes would continue for the Skyhawks. They lost to Tennessee Tech 100-95 on Thursday.

Tech took a 20-8 lead only seven minutes into the game and never looked back.

Tech’s Amadi McKenzie grabbed an offensive rebound and put the ball back into the hoop to give his team a 51-36 lead at halftime.

TTU would extend their lead to as many as 18 points with about 6 minutes left in the game.

UTM then went on a 24-10 run to cut the lead to 4 with a minute remaining in the game, but once again, they could not complete the

comeback.

McKenzie and Anthony Fisher led the way for Tech, scoring 21 points each in the game. Four other players also scored in double-digits for the Golden Eagles.

Weddle had another strong game for the Skyhawks. He hit 8 treys and tied his career-high with 30 points.

Hudson had three steals in the game to break the UTM school record for steals in a season. He also had 27 points, 8 assists and 7 rebounds in the game.

The Skyhawks rebound-



ed from these two losses to pull out a 90-71 victory at Southeast Missouri State on Saturday.

UTM came out strong to take an early 12-point lead and never looked back.

The team’s three top scorers led the way. Gerald Robinson had a game-high 26 points and 12 rebounds. Weddle poured in another 22 points and 4 treys. Hudson had 18 points, 10 rebounds and 7 assists.

With the win, UTM improves to 11-14 on the year and 7-8 in the OVC.

The top eight OVC teams

will play in the OVC playoffs, and the Skyhawks are currently tied for eighth. There are five OVC games remaining on the schedule, and four of those teams do not have a winning record in the OVC, so the team appears to be in good shape to qualify for the playoffs.

The Skyhawks have two of those games at home this week. They will host Tennessee State on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Eastern Illinois on Saturday at 6 p.m. TSU posts a 7-7 OVC record while EIU is 3-11 in conference play.

## Women’s basketball pushes OVC power house Southeast Missouri to the brink

**UTM Athletic Communications**

The UT Martin women’s basketball team dressed only six players Saturday at Southeast Missouri State due to the suspensions of Aunjel Adams and Marie Goyette for violations of team rules.

Shorthanded as they were, UTM forced the Ohio Valley Conference’s second-place team to overtime before eventually falling 58-51.

Jennifer Angler led the Skyhawks in scoring with 18 points and was aided by Phyllisha Mitchell’s 12 points and 15 rebounds.

To open the game, the Skyhawks jumped out to

an early 4-0 lead on the Redhawks with back-to-back buckets from Fuller and Mitchell. Unfortunately, it would be the Skyhawks largest lead of the game.

Southeast Missouri’s Crysta Glenn was able to open the scoring for the Redhawks when she connected on a free throw after drawing one of three first half fouls on Sarah Stinson. Sonya Daugherty found a lane to the bucket the next time down the floor and scored an easy layup at the 18 minute mark to record the first field goal of the day for Southeast Missouri and pull them to within one point at 4-3.

Fuller responded with a jumper to push the UTM

lead back to three, but Daugherty had an answer the next trip down the floor. She drained her first three-point bucket of the game to draw the score even at six.

Over the next 12 minutes, Southeast Missouri would push its lead to as much as 16, thanks in large part to a 15-0 run capped off by a Missy Whitney three-point bucket from the top of the key, setting the score at 29-13 with 4:18 left in the first half.

As the half was drawing to a conclusion, the Skyhawks rattled off a 7-0 run of their own to bring the halftime deficit to only six.

UTM held Southeast Missouri scoreless for the last 3:47 of regulation, went on a 6-0 run and sent the game to overtime in dramatic fashion.

With 31 seconds left, Victoria Carlile netted a jumper from the free throw line to tie the game at 48-all. Southeast Missouri called a pair of timeouts to set up a last shot attempt that Missy Whitney eventually forced from behind the arc with only two seconds remaining. On the rebound attempt, Whitney Malone was whistled for a foul with four seconds left on the clock, sending the Redhawks’ Crysta Glenn to the line. After Glenn left the first attempt short, the second rattled around the rim before falling off to the side harmlessly.

In overtime, UTM was unable to score in the first four minutes and allowed Whitney to score 7 of the Redhawks’ 10 overtime points. Crystal Fuller converted a 3-point play with 52 seconds remaining to cut the final margin to 58-51.

“We fought very hard today, and I am very proud of the team we had on the floor today,” said Skyhawk head coach Tara Tansil.

“After being down 16 in the first half, we really battled back before the half and at the end of regulation, but in overtime we just couldn’t get the shots to fall,” Tansil said.

Mitchell recorded her seventh double-double of the season, and Angler’s 18 points was only two away from matching her career high set earlier this season against Jacksonville State.

With 15 points and 9 boards, Fuller was one rebound shy of her fifth double-double this year.

Whitney led all scorers with 20 points and 15 rebounds and was joined in double figures by Tarina Nixon, who chipped in 10 points.

UTM will return to action on Thursday when it hosts Tennessee State at Skyhawk Arena. The Skyhawks and Tigers faced off in Nashville earlier this season with the Tigers prevailing 58-52. Tip-off is set for 5:30 and all the action can be heard live on the Skyhawk Radio Network at Mix 101.3.

## High hopes for 2008 Skyhawk softball team

**John Summers**  
Sports Editor

After two straight seasons of win-loss records hovering at the .500 mark, the young 2008 Skyhawk softball team is expected to finish with a better record this season.

The team was predicted by Ohio Valley Conference coaches’ votes to finish fifth out of the ten OVC teams, but head coach Donley Canary expects the team to have a stronger season than that.

“We definitely have the potential to finish higher than fifth,” Canary said.

Last year’s team finished with a 30-33 (14-12 OVC) record. That team was young as well; four true freshmen were in the opening day lineup. The returning players will be ready to lead the newcomers to improve upon that record.

One of the key returning players is outfielder Ashley Benbow, last year’s OVC freshman of the year. Benbow led last year’s team in batting average, hits, doubles, triples, total bases, slugging percentage and on base percentage. She was also near the top in runs scored, RBIs (runs batted in), steals and fielding percentage.

Two All-OVC players also return this year. Pitcher Paj Lintz posted a miniscule 1.74 ERA (earned run average per game) last season and also picked up

six wins and two saves in the process. Catcher Savannah Roberts led the team in RBIs and was second in home runs. She also started in 60 of the team’s 63 games which is a fairly high percentage for a catcher because of the wear and tear the position imposes on the body.

Other returning starters include Megan Van Arsdale at third base, Kara Harper at first base and also pitcher, Laura Roberts at second base, Greer Long at short-stop and Megan Williams in the outfield.

Pitcher Ashton Strode is the only senior on this year’s young team. Strode is joined by three juniors to make up the only upper-classmen on the team. Eight of the other 15 players on the team are freshmen.

The team showed that they have promise by winning five of six games in the UTM Fall Softball Classic last September.

They will open the official season this Saturday and Sunday in the Georgia State First Pitch Classic. The team will also participate in tournaments at Southeastern Louisiana University and Middle Tennessee State University the following two weekends.

Home action for Skyhawk softball will begin on Saturday, March 1, when the team plays host to the UTM Hospitality House Classic.



**Victoria Carlile runs the point during UTM’s 73-64 loss to TTU last Thursday. (Pacer/Emily Yocum)**